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REMARKS

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1. On 16 February 1953, trucks [redacted] both driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, drove into the Trost Kaserne in Vienna. Soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets engaged in motor vehicle maintenance work in the yard of the garage on Pernerstorfer Strasse which was guarded by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles identified at the garage included ambulance [redacted], trucks [redacted] truck [redacted] ambulance [redacted] and trucks [redacted] bordered black epaulets, ambulance [redacted] and truck [redacted] parked in front of a house opposite the hospital building on Leibniz Gasse. 25X1
2. On 19 February, the following entrainment [redacted] was observed at the Hainburg (P 49/X 89) railroad station: 8 canvas-covered rocket launchers on three-axle motor vehicles [redacted] 12 motor vehicles [redacted] with a field kitchen, tank truck [redacted] truck [redacted] truck [redacted] trucks / [redacted] and ambulance [redacted] and soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and including some with artillery, signal or motor transport insignia in two boxcars. Sedan [redacted] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets and carrying a general came from the town and drove to the loading ramp. A truck and a tank truck stood in the yard of the Pionier Kaserne which was guarded by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. A flag was hoisted in the installation. 25X1
3. On 19 February, the following officers and motor vehicles were identified in traffic from and to the buildings on Theater Platz and Stalin Ring in Baden (O 49/X 37); about 25 field grade officers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, about 20 field grade officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, or artillery insignia, and 5 field grade officers wearing black-bordered black epaulets; sedans [redacted] all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets; jeep driven by a soldier with black-bordered black epaulets, sedans [redacted] both driven by soldiers with red-bordered black 25X1

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epaulets, jeep [ ] and sedan [ ] both driven by soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets, sedan [ ], jeep driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, sedans and [ ] trucks [ ], sedan driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, jeep driven by a soldier with black-bordered red epaulets, weapon carrier with red-bordered black epaulets; sedan [ ] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, sedan [ ] driven by a civilian, and sedan [ ] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles seen at the former Flak Kaserne along the road to Soos (O 48/X 36) included trucks [ ] and [ ] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, and truck driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Sedan [ ] and truck [ ] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were seen in front of a building at the intersection of Weilburg Strasse and Sauerhofgasse. The Helenthal estate was guarded by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets. Three majors wearing black-bordered black epaulets were seen there. Six groups, each of 10 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets engaged in instruction. Nineteen motor vehicles stood in the garages and 6 trucks and 5 tank trucks [ ] stood in the open.<sup>3</sup>

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4. The following motor vehicles were identified in traffic at the former Bundesgewerbeschule in Moedling (O 49/X 37) on 17 February 1953: truck driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets; jeep driven by a soldier with black-bordered black epaulets; jeep driven by a soldier with black-bordered red epaulets; jeep driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, truck driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, jeep jeep [ ] and sedan [ ] both driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets; trucks [ ] and [ ] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets; sedan [ ] truck [ ] sedan [ ] truck [ ] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, truck [ ] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets; truck [ ] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, jeep [ ] truck [ ] jeep [ ] and truck [ ] all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. The garages on the premises of the former automobile and aircraft engine factory on Gabrieler Strasse was guarded by sentries with red-bordered black epaulets. [ ]<sup>7</sup> armored scout cars and 10 trucks, and 6 trucks in the yard including [ ] equipped by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets. Jeep [ ] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets parked in front of the Hyrtl Orphanage. Ten soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets unrolled cable reels at the adjacent athletic field.<sup>4</sup>

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5. On 20 February, 6 armored scout cars, 8 artillery pieces without muzzle brake on blocks and 35 trucks [ ]

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[ ] were seen in the area of the former Bundeserziehungsanstalt (Federal Educational Establishment) in Traiskirchen (O 49/X 37). The installation was guarded by sentries with red-bordered black epaulets and artillery insignia. Sedan [ ] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets stood in front of the installation. Jeep [ ] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, drove into the installation from the direction of Baden. Troops trained on the roads bordering on the installation. They included 38 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and who, commanded by a senior lieutenant wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, engaged in practice marches with rifles, about 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets engaged in rifle drill, and 14 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets who made double time marches under the command of an NCO who wore black-bordered black epaulets. Three lieutenant colonels

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wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 1 lieutenant colonel wearing black-bordered black epaulets, 4 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and one senior lieutenant wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia entered and left the building opposite the federal educational establishment.

6. On 16 February, sedan [ ] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, truck [ ] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, and jeep [ ] left the office on Hovongasse in Korneuburg (O 49/S 30). Trucks [ ]

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[ ] all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were seen in the yard of the Albrechts Kaserne. Troops practiced with six 37-mm AA guns. Troops practiced with about five 37-mm AA guns in the cantonment along the road to Leobendorf. Jeep [ ] tank truck [ ] and truck [ ] all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were seen in traffic to and from the camp.

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7. On 16 February, about 40 soldiers drilled in the Prinz Eugen Kaserne in Stockerau (O 49 S 21). Three majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and trucks [ ] and [ ] both drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were seen at the installation. About 60 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets practiced with four 85-mm AA guns and two ballistic directors in the Artillerie Kaserne. Trucks [ ] and tank truck [ ] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were seen in traffic to and from the installation. The quarters on Schaumann Gasse was guarded by sentries with red-bordered black epaulets. Driving-school truck [ ] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets and accompanied by 7 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and 4 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the quarters.

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8. On 18 February, sedans [ ] and [ ] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, the latter occupied by a colonel, left the main entrance of the former Kreisgericht (provincial court) on Am Schiessstättling, St. Poelten (O 49/W 88). Soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets unloaded logs from a truck at the Eugen Kaserne. Forty soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying gas masks marched from the Rainer Kaserne toward north and returned after about an hour. They were followed by another 44 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying gas masks. The barrier at the Franz Josef Kaserne was guarded by sentries who wore black-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles that entered the barracks installation included truck [ ] driven by soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets, jeep [ ] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, and trucks [ ] all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.

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9. On 18 February, about 40 soldiers with rifles drilled in Camp Spratzern south of St. Poelten (O 49/W 88). Motor vehicles observed included trucks [ ] all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, sedan [ ] truck [ ] and sedan [ ] all driven by soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets, and trucks [ ] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.

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1. [ ] Comment. Most of the vehicle [ ] from Vienna belong to the 13th Gds Mecz Div.

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2. [ ] Comment. It appears that the rocket launcher unit, [ ]

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[ ] is the rocket launcher battalion of the 13th Gds Mecz Div.

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3. Comment. Most of the motor vehicles observed near the buildings at Theater Platz and Stalin Ring as well as most of those seen near the Flak Kaserne on the road to Soos belong to the headquarters and to units subordinate directly to the Central Group of Forces and SCC respectively. Truck [ ] belongs to the 23d AAA Div. 25X1
4. Comment. Most of the motor vehicles belong to the headquarters and to headquarters units of the Central Group of Forces. Truck [ ] and truck [ ] belong to the 13th Gds Mecz Div. 25X1
5. Comment. The motor vehicles belong to the 13th Gds Mecz Div. 25X1
6. Comment. Most of the motor vehicles belong to the 23d AAA Div. 25X1
7. Comment. All motor vehicles belong to the 95th Gds Itz Rifle Div. 25X1

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